

**Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2018**

6:30 PM: Open Meeting
Quorum present: Bernie Fallon (BF), Chair; Doane Perry (DP); Peter Skorput (PS). Also attending: AdminAsst Mark Webber (AA).
Press present: Berkshire Record.

Board reviews and approves previous meeting minutes as presented.
Board reviews and approves warrants payable.

6:55 PM: BF opens the regular meeting and announces that the meeting is being broadcast live on the Charter/Spectrum local access TV channel 190. BF also points refers to the Open Meeting law and states that the Board, although it welcomes the public, is here to conduct the Town's business and will stay focused on that business and that unsolicited input from the audience is distracting. BF adds that public input is always welcome and appreciated, but not while the Board is deliberating on an issue.

Other Business/Discussion/Action Items:

- Resident and past Zucchini Festival organizer Marge Powell reminds the Board that August 11th has been set for a Community Picnic to be held on the Village School/Town Complex grounds. Marge notes that there will be local food vendors, games, events and a band. All are welcome but adds that it will be a quieter affair than Zucchini Festival. Board fully supports the event and thanks Marge for all of her volunteer efforts.
- BF thanks resident John Fulop for initiating the Swap Shop discussion. Although a custom-built structure to house a swap shop would be ideal, the Board would like to start off more modestly with a pre-constructed building, which would cost approximately 1/3 less. A 12'x30' structure could be purchased and delivered for approximately \$8,000 which would leave ample funds to install a concrete slab, shelving and other features. Being a brand new venture, BF would prefer to start the process cautiously and have the luxury of expanding or adjusting as future use might dictate. Board instructs AA to finalize the ordering of a building. Board thanks Transfer Station attendant Wayne Cooper for his research and enthusiasm.
- BF discusses the Board of Health Agent position and notes that an oversight was made in his appointment. Documents recently produce show that, per MGL and vote of the elected Board of Health, the Board of Health is the appointing authority for its Agent; not the Board of Selectmen. Accordingly, the Board's previous action on the Board of Health Agent Earl Moffatt is void and the Board of Health's appointment stands.
- Board has a general discussion on downtown parking. It is noted that Queensboro Package has, for several weeks, placed a handmade "parking for package store customers only" on the sidewalk in front of one of the lined Main St. parking slots in front of that store. Board confirms that there are no dedicated parking spots on Main St other than for handicap parking. No permission was sought for or granted for this sign and the store owner will be so informed. Board discusses other Main St store owners displaying goods on the Town sidewalks. Again, permissions to do so were neither sought nor granted. The Building Inspector will address. Board discusses temporary event and political signs on Town property. Board grants the Highway Department authority to remove any and all non-permitted signs located on Town property.
- Board discusses implementing 20-minute parking limits on sections of Main St. Board decides to place 20-minute limit parking signs in the area of the Public Market and Queensboro Package. Board acknowledges that enforcement would be impractical; the Town is not going to hire a parking officer for the limited occasions that downtown parking is at a premium. But, the signs should send a message and help the Main St merchants who rely on quick in and out customers.
- Resident Wayne Cooper asks why non-service dogs are allowed in stores, particularly those that serve food. Wayne is referred to the Board of Health.

8:15 PM: With no additional business to come before the Board, DP makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. PS seconds the motion. Vote taken, 3-0 in favor.

Meeting minutes approved by:

Bernie Fallon, Chair

Doane Perry

Peter Skorput

Date: _____